

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Jacques DEGELAEN et al. :  
Serial No. NEW : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**  
Filed November 7, 2003 : Attorney Docket No. 2003\_1624

ASSAY DEVICE FOR DETERMINING ANALYTES  
IN A LIQUID DIARY PRODUCT  
**(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No. 09/297,196,  
Filed April 27, 1999)**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows: